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ACTION: Amembassy CANBERRA BANGKOK
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Info:

REF: (a) STATE 039625 (b) Wireless File March 14

1. You should provide background briefing on President's announcement revised ABM program to foreign and/or defense ministry officials.

2. FOR TOKYO - Similar briefing
Emloff here March 14.

3. FOR CANBERRA - You should recall our earlier briefing to Australian Defense Minister on ABM here in Washington and notification given them in September 1967 prior to announcement ~~XXM~~ SENTINEL program.

4. Briefing should be based upon ^{prepared} full text/Presidential statement carried wireless file March 14. You ~~XXXXXX~~ and should stress President's views on relation to strategic arms talks contained para 9 REF (a). For additional details on rationale for the modified ABM program you ^{may} draw on statement by DepSecDef Packard of March 14 carried wireless file that date.

5. For further background see transcript of President's news

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conference and related stories also carried wireless
file March 14.

6. Request report on significant reactions. We are
prepared provide further guidance on questions that arise
which cannot be answered on basis references.

7. FOR BANGKOK AND WELLINGTON - If you believe there is
sufficient interest, or if questions arise regarding
President's announcement revised ABM program, you may,
at your discretion, ~~or~~ offer provide ~~similar briefing~~ ^{similar briefing} ~~to~~ to
foreign ministry and/or defense ministry.

8. FOR BANGKOK - You may also brief SEATO officials.

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